

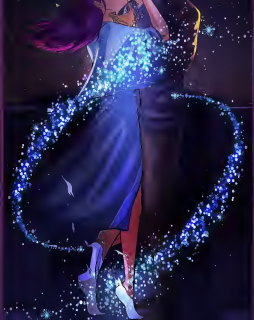
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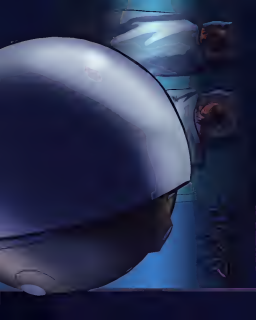
A comic book panel set in a dark, blue-toned hallway with arched doorways. On the left, a young man with dark hair, Kazu, is seen from the side, looking back over his shoulder. On the right, a young woman with purple hair, Riven, is shown in profile, looking towards Kazu. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from an arched opening in the background.

Good
night,
Riven.

Sweet
dreams,
Kazu.









Icarus!



Guess what?
I had my
very *first* kiss
tonight.

*Abhhh,
it was
perfect!*



See you
tomorrow.





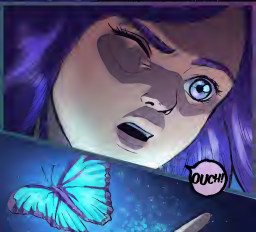


A person wearing a purple jacket is shown from the chest down, reaching out with their right hand towards a glowing blue orb. The orb has a textured, crystalline surface. The background is dark and indistinct.

*Hello
there.*

Have I
seen you
before?





An illustration of a hand reaching out towards a glowing blue comet in space. The hand is positioned in the upper left, with fingers slightly curled. The background is a dark blue space filled with small white stars. A bright blue comet with a long tail is visible in the upper right. The hand is wearing a purple sleeve. A speech bubble is located near the hand.

It bit
me?

An illustration of a hand reaching out towards a glowing blue comet in space. The hand is positioned in the lower left, with fingers slightly curled. The background is a dark blue space filled with small white stars. A bright blue comet with a long tail is visible in the upper right. The hand is wearing a purple sleeve. A speech bubble is located near the hand.

Hub?

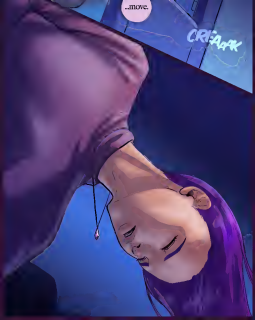




...can't

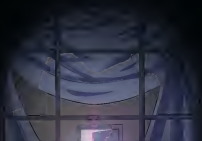
...move.

CRASH

















Ms. Oribel,
have you seen
Rhea?

No

I thought
she was with
you.



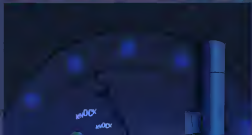
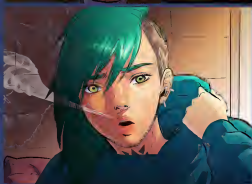














Hey, sorry
to disturb,
but does Rhea
want any
breakfast?





Here's
the last time
Icarus saw
Rhea.

Ho, could
you come
right there,
please?









A comic book panel with a dark, blue-toned background. In the upper left, a woman with long black hair and a skeletal, mask-like face with glowing green eyes looks forward. She has a green turtleneck and a white collar with four blue oval cutouts. In the lower right, a man with dark hair and a distressed expression is shown from the chest up. He wears a red shirt and a black collar with a blue bowtie. A white scanner beam is directed at his chest, with the word 'SCANNING' written vertically along it. Below the scanner, the word 'COMPLETE' is written diagonally. A speech bubble from the woman contains the text 'Could you rewind back to the night when your compound got hit?'.

Could you
rewind back to
the night when
your compound
got hit?

SCANNING

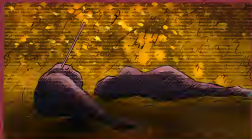
COMPLETE





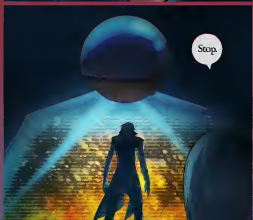
Keep
going.



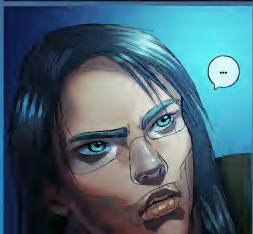


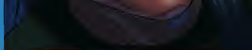
More.





Stoop.





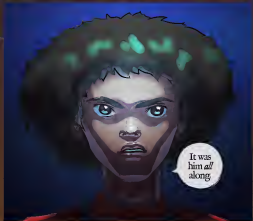
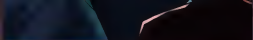




Whoa
Kazu,
chill.

Who is
that?

Adi







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Fire From The Ash

He's not
Ash.





A purple-toned illustration of a person's face, partially obscured by a circular speech bubble. The person has long, dark hair and is looking slightly to the side. The background is a soft, out-of-focus purple. The speech bubble is a light green circle with a black border, containing the text "Then who is he?".

Then who
is he?



A close-up, high-contrast image of a character's face. The character has a single, large, glowing blue eye. A speech bubble is positioned above the eye, containing the text "He was suppose to be dead." The background is dark and blurry, suggesting a night scene or a dark interior.

He was
suppose to
be dead.



A close-up, high-contrast image of a character's face, focusing on the right eye. The eye is large, with a bright yellow iris and a black pupil. The character has dark skin and a thick, dark eyebrow. A speech bubble is positioned above the eye, containing the text "Where am I?". The background is dark and blurry, with some light reflecting off the character's forehead and cheek.

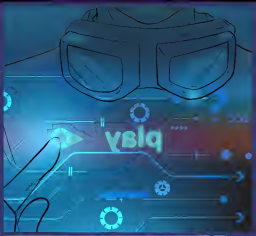
Where
am I?



Is this
another
dreamscape?















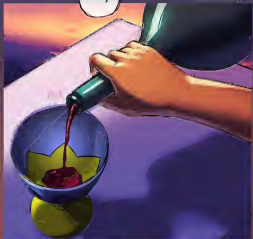


Ash
has a secret

twin?

Named
Aiden?

No

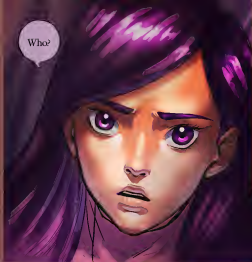




You should
have killed
him.

He was
weak.

Who?







Ash.

...Aiden
is Ash's
clone.



What?





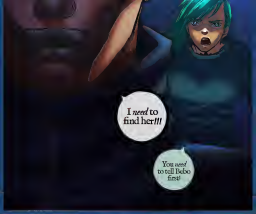
What
the *hell* are
you *talkin'*
about?



What
happened
to Rhea?

...

*Kay, say
something!!!*

A comic panel with a dark, moody background. On the right, a woman with short, vibrant pink hair and a black choker looks shocked, her mouth wide open. A large, pale hand with long, thin fingers points directly at her from the left. In the upper left corner, the back of a person's head with dark hair is visible. Two speech bubbles are present: a larger white one in the center and a smaller light blue one below it.

*I need to
find her!!!*

*You need
to tell Babo
first!*



Tell me
what?

Where's
Rhea?

I brought
her some
breakfast
bars.





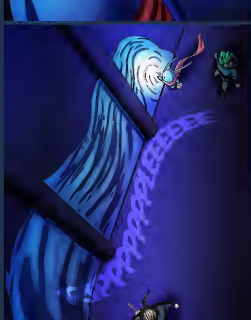
Rhea was
kidnapped by
some freaky
Ashbot,

...and
Kazn here
is shutting
me out!

You were a
Raven Core
Knight,
weren't you.

KAZU!









I promised
her,

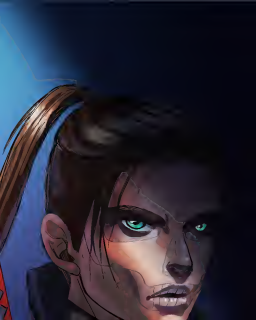
...that we'd
see Zeru's
violet sky
again.

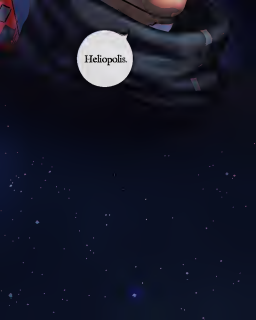




Where is
she?







Heliopolis.





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